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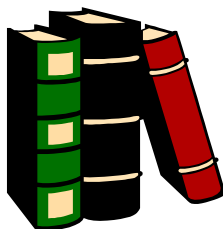
# EPA Announces Final Cleanup Decision for Sparta Landfill Site

Sparta Township, Michigan

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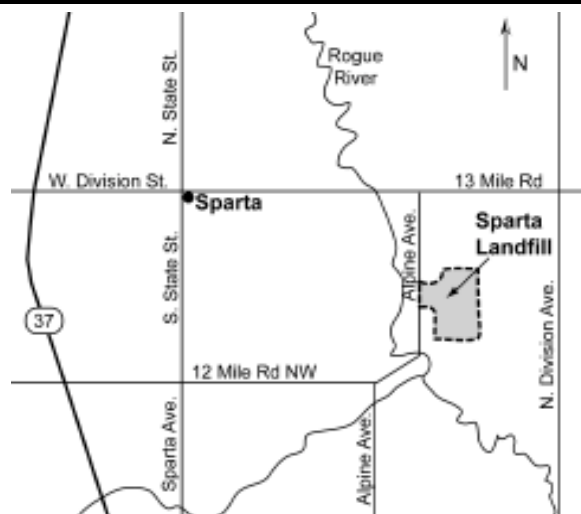
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An Administrative Record, containing all of the information upon which the selection of the cleanup plan was based, is also available at the Sparta Township Library.

## Introduction

On September 27, 2000, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a Record of Decision (ROD) outlining the final cleanup decision for the Sparta Landfill Superfund Site near Sparta, Michigan. The Sparta Landfill site is an inactive landfill located at 10322 Alpine Avenue, N.W., in Sparta Township, Kent County, Michigan, approximately one-half mile east of Sparta, Michigan. (See map.)



## Description of the Cleanup Decision

EPA has determined that no further cleanup action is necessary at the site since a cap was installed over the landfill in 1995. (See "Capping of the Landfill".) However, ground water will be monitored to verify that the site poses no unacceptable risks in the future.

## The Ground-Water Monitoring Program

State and Federal Agencies will negotiate the details of the final ground-water monitoring plan with Kent County. Kent County will conduct the monitoring program as outlined in the plan. The program will involve sampling of residential wells around the landfill, sampling of the monitoring wells at the site, and surface water sampling in the Rogue River. The sampling will be conducted once every three months to once a year depending on the final details of the plan and depending on the results of the sampling. The final monitoring plan will also include a contingency plan describing what action will take place if the sampling results show that contaminants in the ground water or in the Rogue River have increased to unacceptable levels. Since waste will be left in place, EPA will review the monitoring program every five years for the next 30 years.

## The Next Step

Once the negotiations for the final ground-water monitoring plan are complete, Kent County will design and implement the final program. In the meanwhile, the County will continue to monitor ground water under the interim ground-water monitoring plan approved by EPA in February 2000.

## Capping of the Landfill

The Kent County Department of Public Works installed a cap over the landfill in 1995 to stop precipitation (rain, snow, etc.) from seeping into the landfill and carrying the contamination into the soil and ground water beneath. The installation of this cap has minimized the risks posed by the contaminants in the landfill and has eliminated the need to take any further cleanup action at the site.

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